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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA,,
AS AMENDED BY WESTERN FIVE (US, UK, FRG, CANADA, AND
FRANCE), WHICH WILL BE PRESENT TO AFRICAN GROUP FOR
THEIR APPROVAL APRIL 1 (REFTEL):

DRAFT OF DECLARATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND PEACE ARE FOUNDED ON THE RECOG-
NITION OF THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF MAN AND OF THE EQUAL
AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES AND THE ELIMINATION

OF ALL FORMS OF DOMINATION;

2. CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REQUIRE A PARTICULAR REAFFIRMATION OF THESE BASIC RIGHTS;

3. EVERY PERSON IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AS ELSEWHERE, IS ENTITLED, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF ANY KIND AS TO RACE, SEX, LANGUAGE, OR RELIGION, TO THE FULL AND EQUAL ENJOYMENT OF POLITICAL, CIVIL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS WITHIN HIS COUNTRY.

4. THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE THE DENIAL OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RIGHTS TO THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION THROUGH APARTHEID AND COLONIALISM; IN SOUTH AFRICA ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE AND COLOUR THROUGH A SYSTEM OF INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM, APARTHEID; IN NAMIBIA, THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TERRITORY; IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, THE EXISTENCE OF AN ILLEGAL, REPRESSIVE AND RACIST MINORITY REGIME; AND IN THE WHOLE AREA, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, ITS AGGRESSIVE ACTS AND THREATS AGAINST INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES;

5. UNDER THE CHARTER, THE UNITED NATIONS HAS INTER ALIA FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND THE PROMOTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SOCIAL PROGRESS AND BETTER STANDARDS OF LIFE IN LARGER FREEDOM;

6. THE SECURITY COUNCIL REJECTS ALL ASPECTS OF THE APARTHEID SYSTEM AND ALL RELATED SYSTEMS WHICH IMPOSE SEPARATION BASED ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF "BANTUSTANS", WHICH DIVIDE THE POPULATION, AND PROMOTE FRATRICIDAL STRIFE, AND DEPRIVE THE PEOPLE OF THEIR CITIZENSHIP AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND FURTHER DENIES THEM A JUST AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF THE NATIONAL PRODUCTION AND RESOURCES;

7. THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGARDS THESE INHUMANE SYSTEMS AS FUNDAMENTAL VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OF THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT CONSIDERS THAT THESE SYSTEMS ARE UNWORKABLE ATTEMPTS TO ARREST CHANGE AT A TIME WHEN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FORCES IN THE WORLD ARE PRESSING TOWARDS INTERDEPENDENCY AND PREVENT IRREPRESSABLE MOVEMENT TO FREEDOM AND HUMAN EQUALITY;

8. THE SECURITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THAT APARTHEID AND OTHER RELATED SYSTEMS OF RACIST DOMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA INVOLVE GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. THIS HAS LED TO AN EVER-WIDENING

DEPRIVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; THE TORTURE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE DEATH OF DETAINEES; AND THE GROWING ELIMINATION OF FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION;

9. IT REAFFIRMS THAT APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA, IN PARTICULAR, IS A CRIME AGAINST THE CONSCIENCE AND DIGNITY OF MANKIND AND SERIOUSLY DISTRUBS INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY;

10. THESE REPRESSIVE SYSTEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA MUST BE REPLACED BY GOVERNMENTS DERIVING THEIR AUTHORITY FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED. FULL AND EQUAL PARTNERSHIP OF ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST FIND ITS EXPRESSION THROUGH MAJORITY RULE WHICH MEANS THAT ALL, REGARDLESS OF RACE, ARE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PHRASES OF NATIONAL LIFE AND TO JOIN IN FREELY DETERMINING THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL CHARACTER OF THEIR SOCIETY. THE SECURITY COUNCIL REAFFIRMS THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS THE HOME OF ALL ITS INHABITANTS IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE, COLOUR, OR CREED AND THAT ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE AND WORK THERE IN CONDITIONS OF FULL EQUALITY;

11. THE SECURITY COUNCIL REAFFIRMS THAT SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR NAMIBIA. IT DECLARES THAT THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA ARE ENTITLED TO FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE OF COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE'S

12. FAILURE TO ELIMINATE THE INSTITUTIONS OF APARTHEID AND RELATED SYSTEMS AS WELL AS THE REPRESSION TO MAINTAIN THEM HAVE PRODUCED VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT, AND WILL INEVITABLY ENCOURAGE EVEN GREATER VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT;

13. THE SECURITY COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT FOR, AND SOLIDARITY WITH, ALL THOSE STRIVING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, COLONIAL RULE, AND ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND REPRESSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA;

14. THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ITS MEMBERS REAFFIRM THEIR INTENTION TO USE THEIR SEPARATE AND COLLECTIVE EFFORTS FORTHWITH AND ON A CONTINUING BASIS TO BRING ABOUT THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID, COLONIAL RULE AND ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF SUCH OPPRESSION AND FOR THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE SECURITY COUNCIL UNCLASSIFIED

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REAFFIRMS THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION WITH THE OAU. IT RECOGNIZES THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR THE ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND COLONIAL RULE.

15. THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN CONCERNED SINCE 1963 OVER THE MILITARY BUILD-UP BY THE AUTHORITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE CONSEQUENT DANGER OF ESCALATION OF CONFLICT. IT THEREFORE RECOMMENDED AN ARMS EMBARGO WHICH SHOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVELY AND UNIVERSALLY IMPLEMENTED. IN THIS RESPECT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WHILE REAFFIRMING ALL ITS RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS ON THE QUESTION, CALLS AGAIN ON ALL STATES TO REFRAIN FROM SALE OR SUPPLY OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

16. THE SECURITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS FOLLOWED POLICIES WHICH ARE UTTERLY CONTRARY TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES CHERISHED BY THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBER STATES. IT HAS DENIED ELEMENTARY RIGHTS TO THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION AND A MINORITY OF THE POPULATION ENJOY A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF WEALTH OF THE COUNTRY. THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERS ANY COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA WHICH PERPETUATES AND INTENSIFIES INEQUALITY ON THE BASIS OF RACE AS EQUALLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES CHERISHED BY THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS. IN THIS RESPECT SOME MEMBER STATES HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC AND OTHER MEASURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND THEIR CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA. SUCH MEASURES ARE TO BE ENCOURAGED FOR AS LONG AS APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION REMAIN STATE POLICIES.

17. THE SECURITY COUNCIL DECLARES THAT SOUTH AFRICA MUST:
(A) TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ELIMINATE THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF APARTHEID AND GRANT TO ALL ITS INHABITANTS
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EQUAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING EQUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS AND A FULL AND FREE VOICE IN THEIR DESTINY;
(B) TERMINATE ALL SYSTEMS AND PLANS UNDER WHATEVER NAME WHICH FORCIBLY SEPARATE ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE WHETHER WITHIN A UNITARY STATE OR IN THE FORM OF SEPARATE POLITICAL UNITS;
(C) DISMANTLE THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID AND THE POLICY OF BANTUSTANIZATION, AND ABROGATE ALL RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY LAWS AND MEASURES;
(D) GRANT AN UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY TO ALL PERSONS IMPRISONED, RESTRICTED OR EXILED FOR THEIR OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID;
(E) END ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AND COMPLY WITH

THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA, PARTICULARLY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385 (1976) WHICH INTER ALIA CALLED FOR THE HOLDING IN NAMIBIA ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS OF FREE ELECTIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND REFRAIN FROM ANY STEPS INCONSISTENT THEREWITH;
(F) COMPLY OF SOUTHER RHODESIA, PARTICULARLY THOSE DEALING WITH SANCTIONS AGAINST THE ILLEGAL MINORITY REGIME;

18. THE SECURITY COUNCIL DECLARES THAT SO-CALLED INTERNAL CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IMPOSED UNDER CONDITIONS OF REPRESSION AND EXCLUSION OF FREE PARTICUPATION BY ALL THE PEOPLE, INCLUDING THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ARE UNTENABLE AND ACCPTABLE;

19. THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL SEEK TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY FOR A JUST SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE AREA, ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE;

20. THROUGH INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION TO SECURE SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS, A NEW ERA IN SOUTHERN AFRICA CNA BE BROUGHT INTO BEING AND A MAJOR STEP TAKEN TO REALIZE THE GOALS
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FOR WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS WAS ESTABLISHED;

21. ONLY IN SUCH CIRCULATANCES CAN PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION BE ENSURED, FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY ATTAINED, AND SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA ENABLED TO MAKE THEIR FULL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTINENT;

22. THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND ITS MEMBERS DECLARE THEIR INTENTION TO SUPPORT ACTIONS DESIGNED TO SECURE THE RESOLUTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES, OF THE PRESSING PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TO ASSIST ALL ITS PEOPLES IN THE ATTAINMENT OF THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, SO THAT ALL MEN MAY PRACTISE TOLERANCE AND LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE. UNQUOTE
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